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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: KUMAGAI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/227,529

Group Art Unit: 2876

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Examiner: L. TAYLOR

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 8093

For. A STAND FOR PIVOTABLE MOUNTING AN OPTICAL READING DEVICE (AS AMENDED)

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 23, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 27, 2002, extended to August 27, 2002 by a three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 45-49 and 57.

Amend claim 50 as follows:

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50. (Three Times Amended) A stand on which an optical reader, which includes a read window through which scanning light is emitted and a grip enabling a user to grasp said optical reader, and which scans a mark borne by an article using scanning light emitted through said read window, detects light reflected from said mark, and thus reads information, is mounted, comprising:

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